

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

By this amendment, applicants have amended the specification to make reference to the priority applications for the subject application. By the present amendment to the specification, no new matter has been added to the application. Applicants respectively request that this amendment to the specification be entered.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-25 were pending in the subject application. By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have amended claims 1-20, cancelled claims 21-25 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application, and added new claims 26-32. Support for new claim 26 may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 31, line 19 through page 32, line 12. Support for new claims 27-32 may be may be found inter alia in the specification, as originally-filed, on page 31, line 19 through page 33, line 10.

Applicants note that the amendments to the claims raise no issue of new matter and respectfully request that the amendment be entered. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-20, as amended, and new claims 26-32 will be pending and under examination.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In order to ensure compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §1.97(a)-(d), applicants request that the following references be considered and made of record in the above-identified application.

1. PCT International Publication No. WO 02/49628, published 06/27/2002;
 2. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/22953, published 04/05/2001;
 3. PCT International Publication No. WO 01/01970, published 01/11/2001;
- and

4. PCT International Publication No. WO 97/15300, published 05/01/1997.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609, applicants note that "Where the information listed (in an Information Disclosure Statement) is not in the English language, but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied by submitting an English-language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office."

The above-listed references 1, 2, 3 and 4 were cited in the International Search Report issued March 26, 2004 in connection with PCT/DK2003/000906. A copy of the International Search Report is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited references and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the cited references of record in the subject application.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the above-identified application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$1190.00 filing fee for the subject application, is deemed necessary in connection with filing this Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge this fee, and any other fees not covered by the enclosed check to Deposit Account Number 503201.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen G. Kalinchak", written over a horizontal line.

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